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1. Compared with previous observations there was no change in the restricted area of Roeblinsee (lake) in Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62). Officers of various branches of service seen going to, or leaving, the restricted area. Listed in order of frequency of their appearance they included officers with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, tank officers, artillery officers, infantry officers, signal officers, motor transport officers, medical officers, and air force officers. Women in uniform as well as in civilian clothing were also seen. Some of them were accompanied by children.

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Also seen were sedan a new de luxe Soviet car, an Opel Admiral which was driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and which flew a red standard; a Horch with a red standard; a sedan which flew two small red pennons and sedan a de luxe Soviet car. (1)

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3. A tank repair shop in the restricted area was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was apparently little activity in the shop, but the noise of work was heard. A canvas-covered tank, apparently of T-34 type, stood by the shop. Motor vehicles observed there which was driven by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and which was occupied by a signal officer, and

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4. The hospital in the old castle was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Ten soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived by truck [redacted]
5. Truck [redacted] was used to ship paper to the printing office near the market. Sedans [redacted] parked in front of this office. 25X1
6. Only guard details were seen in the restricted area of Luehlemmer near the railroad station. [redacted] 25X1
7. The restricted area on Baalenseestrasse was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was little traffic of officers and enlisted men of the various branches of service and no motor traffic.
8. The repair shop in Ravensbrueck was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The garages were vacant. The sound of work was heard emanating from the repair shop building, but there was no traffic. It seemed to be a small repair shop of a troop unit.
9. A signal unit was quartered in two settlement houses which had a stable and which were each surrounded by a fence. There were no sentries. The personnel quartered there numbered about 30 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia, and two senior lieutenants. Truck [redacted] parked in front of the installation. 25X1
10. An estimated 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were quartered in the temporary barracks camp between the rail track and the road to Fuerstenberg-Lychen. Approximately 100 troops were drilling in platoons, while 30 soldiers practiced at the firing range north of the camp. The others were engaged in fatigue duty. 25X1
11. [redacted] 25X1
12. Garages and motor vehicle repair shops were guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The garages were occupied to two-thirds capacity by about eight trucks. Approximately 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and several soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen. Truck [redacted] was seen leaving. Bordering on the east were four underground sheds with fire extinguisher equipment. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
13. Five large sheds with fire extinguishers, in the western section of the area which formerly belonged to the sawmill, was guarded by 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who were armed with submachine guns with drum magazines. [redacted] this was an ammunition depot. Bordering on the east was an underground depot. There was no activity. A sentry formerly seen was no longer there. 25X1
14. The long garage at the crossroads was not guarded. Its gates were closed.
15. The officers' billets near the lake were guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Some officers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets while others were signal officers.
16. The concentration camp proper seemed to be a ration supply depot and repair

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installations of various types. Soldiers there wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia and black epaulets. (3)

17. Compared with previous observations, the occupation of Droegen south of Fuerstenberg had not changed on 12 January 1951. The total occupation was approximately 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Artillery insignia and several tank insignia were worn by instructors and officers. All of the unusually large number of motor vehicles, about 400, were in garages. The construction of the last garage was nearing completion. About 80 percent of the vehicles, mostly trucks, were blocked up. Two light armored scout cars were seen in a garage in the northeastern section. About 200 soldiers were drilling inside the installation; some were armed with carbines. They were obviously recruits. About 100 soldiers on fatigue duty were seen. Approximately 350 troops were training at the field on the training grounds north of the installation. Truck [ ] was seen at driving practice. About 250 troops engaged in field training were observed on the drill ground east of the Fuerstenberg-Berlin road.

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Eight trucks [ ] loaded with fuel containers, were seen running from Fuerstenberg in the direction of Droegen.

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18. A camp of 14 temporary barracks and one garage was located south of the Fuerstenberg-Lychen road. It was observed from 17 to 19 January 1951 that the barracks were occupied to capacity by soldiers who wore black epaulets, some with signal and motor transport insignia. Motor vehicles seen there

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Comments.

- (1) The vehicles belong to the Hq and to Hq units of the 2nd Gds Mecz Army and to all three subordinate units.
- (2) In World War II [ ] belonged to the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Tank Army, which was redesignated Second Gds Mecz Army after the war. The 9th Sig Regt has therefore been mentioned [ ] for the first time since the war. In December 1948 a deserter stated that a signal regiment was stationed in the Ravensbrueck concentration camp. The regiment is now confirmed until 17 December 1950.
- (3) [ ] the command for rear services of the Army in Fuerstenberg, as well as army ration supply, clothing and armament depots were located in the former Ravensbrueck concentration camp. Coupled with the observation [ ] of present report and the observations [ ], these statements appear credible. [ ] The officers' billeting area near the lake possibly is the office of the command of the rear services.
- (4) The 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div is believed to have been stationed in Droegen since the fall of 1950. It was formerly stationed at the Neuruppin airfield. Its transfer is indicated not only by the motor vehicle [ ] observed since that time, [ ]

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However, the large number of motor vehicles, as well as that of identified motor vehicle [ ] of Hq units of the Second Gds Mecz Army, make it

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- (5) appear probable that still another unit may be located there. Probably the temporary barracks camp between the railroad and the Fuerstenberg-Lychen road which had been reported in Ravensbrueck [redacted] soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. However, if soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were concerned, [redacted] this would indicate that elements of the 9th Sig Regt were stationed in these barracks. [redacted]

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